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SUBJECT: SOVIET CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING

REF A. DAR ES SALAAM 5196 (NOTAL) B. BUJUMBURA 800 (NOTAL)

1. IN FURTHER EXCHANGE WITH SOVIET AMB POZHIDAEV JANUARY 23, HE
CONFIRMED REPORTING FROM POSTS ABOUT NATURE OF RECENT
CONFERENCE OF EAST AFRICAN CHIEFS OF SOVIET MISSION (REF A).
THERE WERE MANY EXCHANGES AND COMPARISONS AMONG PARTICIPANTS
OF OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS FACED BY DIFFERENT EMBASSIES, AND THIS
PROVIDED USEFUL INSIGHTS FOR FUTURE.

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2. POZHIDAEV ADDED THAT A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME HAD BEEN CONSUMED WITH THEORETICAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR MOST SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN STATES. SUBSTANTIAL CONSENSUS WAS REACHED THAT MOST STATES ARE NOT VIABLE IN PRESENT FORM. OF COURSE , ZAIRE, NIGERIA, KENYA, AND PROBABLY GHANA AND IVORY COAST COULD MAKE OUT, BUT MANY OTHERS (HE SINGLED OUT CHAD AND UPPER VOLTA) WERE WITHOUT RESOURCES AND HOPES. EVEN SUCH COUNTRIES AS GUINEA WHICH TALKED ABOUT BUILDING SOCIALISM WERE MOSTLY MOUTHING EMPTY PHRASES. HE IMPLIED THAT IF CRITICAL POINT WERE REACHED ON CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF SOME STATES, THIS COULD CAUSE INTERNATIONAL INSTABILITY AFFECTING OUT-SIDE POWERS.

3. CONFERENCE ALSO DEVOTED TIME TO CHINESE PRESENCE IN AFRICA, AND GENERAL VIEW WENT ALONG PESSIMISTIC LINES HE HAD EXPRESSED TO ME EARLIER (REF B). PEKING'S PENETRATION WAS VERY INSIDIOUS FROM A FOREIGN RELATIONS VIEWPOINT AND HAD SERIOUS DOMESTIC CONSEQUENCES AS WELL. FOR EXAMPLE, TANZANIA'S COLLECTIVIZATION (UJAMAA VILLAGE) PROGRAM HAD STARTED OUT ON A SOUND (SOVIET INSPIRED) BASIS, BUT THE CHINESE HAD NOW DISTORTED IT AND WERE CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE NATION'S AGRICULTURE AND OVERALL ECONOMY.
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